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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 2095

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, TD (YOUNG, ANDREW)

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

REF: (A) PORT OF SPAIN 2029

(B) PORT OF SPAIN 1887

1. I DISCUSSED AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT TO TRINIDAD
AND TOBAGO WITH PRIME MINISTER ERIC WILLIAMS AND FOREIGN
MINISTER DONALDSON TODAY DURING MY CALL ON THE PRIME
MINISTER. DR. WILLIAMS SAID THAT HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO
MEET WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND INVITED HIM TO A SMALL
WORKING DINNER AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE ON
AUGUST 11. WE DISCUSSED AND REACHED PRELIMINARY
AGREEMENT ON THE OTHER MAJOR ELEMENTS OF AMBASSADOR
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YOUNG'S SCHEDULE.

2. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT:

AUGUST 11

1250 ARRIVAL AT PIARCO AIRPORT.

1500 CALL ON PRESIDENT ELLIS CLARKE TOGETHER WITH

MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY. PHOTOGRAPHIC PRESS COVERAGE.

1730 PUBLIC APPEARANCE. DR. WILLIAMS NOTED LIGHT-HEARTEDLY THAT FREEDOM OF SPEECH WAS GUARANTEED IN TRINIDAD AND THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG WAS FREE TO SPEAK BEFORE ANY GROUP IN THE COUNTRY. WE SUGGEST SPEECH ON CARTER ADMINISTRATION POLICY TOWARD THE CARIBBEAN OR ON UN-RELATED SUBJECT OF AMBASSADOR'S CHOICE AT DOWNTOWN PUBLIC HALL SPONSORED BY LOCAL WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW ASSOCIATION OR SIMILAR ORGANIZATION AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 3, REF B.

2000 WORKING DINNER AT PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE ATTENDANCE WILL BE LIMITED TO APPROXIMATELY FOUR PERSONS FROM EACH SIDE. NO PRESS COVERAGE.

AUGUST 12

0930 CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER DONALDSON AT FOREIGN MINISTRY TO FOLLOW UP ON DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER AND TO CONSULT ON ISSUES WHICH WILL ARISE IN FORTHCOMING USGA. OTHER MEMBERS OF T&T CABINET WILL PROBABLY BE PRESENT.

1200 DEPART TRINIDAD.

3. PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS DID NOT PROPOSE ANY SPECIFIC TOPICS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SUBJECT WHICH THE AMBASSADOR WISHED TO RAISE. HE INDICATED RELUCTANCE TO GET INTO THE GENERAL CONFIDENTIAL

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QUESTION OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CARIBBEAN OUTSIDE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO IN VIEW OF DIVERGENT OPINIONS HELD BY REGION'S LEADERS. WE BELIEVE HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND PROSPECTS FOR CHANGE THERE. IN VIEW OF HIS OWN INTEREST IN THE UN SYSTEM, DR. WILLIAMS WOULD PROBABLY ALSO WISH TO DISCUSS THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION POLICIES WITH REGARD TO THE THIRD WORLD AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S REACTION TO SPEECH PROPOSAL. IF AFFIRMATIVE, A TENTATIVE SUBJECT WOULD BE USEFUL IN APPROACHING SPONSORS. FOX

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